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Headquarters Army Air Forces
Civil Air Patrol

Coastal Patrol Circular
No. 52

National Headquarters, AFRCOP
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INSTRUCTION IN BOMBING

1. Reference is made to the following:

a. Paragraph 3b, Letter of Instructions No. 1, Headquarters AAF Antisubmarine Command, November 27, 1942, which stipulates that the "training of Civil Air Patrol Coastal Patrol units personnel is a function of and the responsibility of the National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol".

b. Paragraph 2, Letter, Headquarters Army Air Forces, July 29, 1942, Subject: Ordnance Section Air Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadrons, which makes provision for ordnance detachments to be stationed at CAP Coastal Patrol bases to provide ordnance service for these units.

c. Coastal Patrol Circular No. 44, this Headquarters, May 1, 1943, announcing specialised course of instruction given at CAP Coastal Patrol No. 1, Atlantic City, N. J., by the 25th Antisubmarine Wing for the purpose of training CAP Coastal Patrol personnel for eventual duty as instructors in the technique of antisubmarine warfare.

d. Coastal Patrol Circular No. 50, this Headquarters, May 24, 1943, directing all Coastal Patrol Commanders to set up courses of instruction in the technique of antisubmarine warfare.

2. In order that each Coastal Patrol unit may be properly qualified to conduct bombing operations, classes in aircraft bombs and fuses, bomb sights, theory of bombing, and pilot techniques for bombing will be undertaken forthwith. Upon completion of instruction in these subjects, Coastal Patrol units having (a) airplanes equipped with bomb racks, (b) a supply of practice bombs, (c) a detachment of ordnance personnel to provide ordnance service and (d) a suitable bombing range, will proceed with dropping of practice bombs in accordance with instructions and procedures given by the 25th Antisubmarine Wing in the course of instruction conducted at Atlantic City.

3. Immediately upon receipt of this circular, Coastal Patrol Commanders will address an airmail-special-delivery report to this Headquarters stating number and type of practice bombs on hand, number of airplanes equipped with bomb racks, number of airplanes equipped with bomb sights and number of airplanes on which bomb racks and/or bomb sights are being installed and name of agency by which installation is being made.

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4. Arrangements for the supply of ordnance equipment and services for CAP Coastal Patrols are being worked out with Headquarters Army Air Forces and all Coastal Patrol Commanders will be advised as soon as procedure has been determined.

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